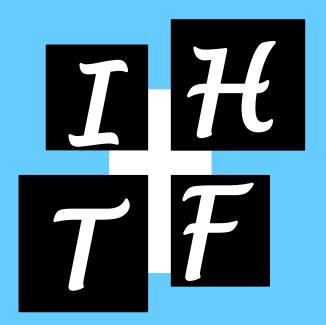
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AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE

But As For Me and My House

Joshua 24:14-15 New King James Version

14 "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Our Body is Our House

2 Corinthians 5:1 Worldwide English (New Testament)

5 Our body is the house in which our spirit lives here on earth. When that house is destroyed, then God will give us another house. That house is not made by man's hand. But God made it. It will last for ever in heaven.

Your Body, God's Temple

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 New King James Version

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Serving The Lord

Joshua encouraged the children of Israel to choose to serve the LORD. He affirmed that he and his house had chosen to serve the LORD. This may have a greater implication for every believer now. Though Joshua was referring to he and his household, it is not a stretch to link this resolution to the believer and his/her house being his/her being, his/her body. As we enter a new year, it is just a good time to reaffirm our resolve to serve the LORD. May we use every part of our body this 2024 to serve the Lord: our head, brain, eyes, mouth, voice, nose, tongue, neck, hands, groin, legs, feet, every part to glorify God.

Your body, in God's Service

Whether you are a student, preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Good News, worker in any profession - formal or informal, whatever you are, whatever you do, in word or deed, we should do it as service to the LORD, giving thanks to the Father through Him. Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God. God gave your spirit a body that can do many things. That is the house you can and must use to serve the LORD daily. What will be your response?

Take Away

May God open our hearts to know more and more about the great gifts He has bestowed on each one of us, no matter who we are or where we come from or our vocation. May He also will in us to daily serve Him with every faculty of our bodies and in different ways, all for His glory! May we declare daily that, 'as for me and my house (body) we will serve the LORD.'

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024